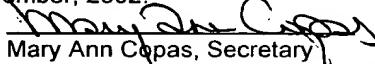




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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 08/13/2002

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A heat-conducting support for a round or curved bottom vessel, comprising:

a metallic unit having an inner portion, an outer portion, and a base for placement on a heating element;